GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3288
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
ANNAPURNA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Annapurna Scheme declared by the Hon`ble Prime Minister to help the down-trodden has been postponed:

(b) if so , the reasons therefor;

(c) if not , the details of the scheme and amount earmarked therefor;

(d) the number of persons likely to be benefited by this Scheme, State-wise; and

(e) the criteria adopted for the identification of persons to be benefited under the Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Annapurna scheme will be launched from April, 2000. The purpose of launching the scheme is to provide food security to the old destitute persons who though eligible for pension under National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), are presently not receiving it. 10 K.G.s of food grains per month will be given under the scheme to each eligible beneficiary free of cost through PDS. The number of persons benefiting from the scheme is not to exceed for the present , 20% of the total pensioners under NOAPS within a State. During the year 2000-2001, an amount of Rs.100 crores has been earmarked for the Scheme.

(d): The estimated number of old destitutes proposed to be covered under the scheme is 13.762 Lakh . The beneficiaries actually covered would depend on the funds finally made available for the scheme. A Statement on the number of persons likely to be benefited - State-wise, under Annapurna Scheme is at Annexure .

(e): The eligibility norms applicable under NOAPS are also to apply under the Annapurna scheme. Accordingly, the age of the applicant male or female, must be 65 years and above. He/she must be a destitute in the sense of having little or no regular means of subsistence from his/her own sources of income or through financial support from family members or other sources. In addition , the applicant should not have been claiming pension under NOAPS and his/her children should not be residing in the same village.

ANNEXURE

The Statement on the persons likely to be benefited under ANNAPURNA Scheme with reference to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3288 due for reply on 16/03/2000

Sl.No.	Name of State/UTs	Numerical Ceiling under NOAPS	Numerical Ceiling under ANNAPURNA Scheme
1.	Andhra Pradesh	466000	93200
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9200	1840
3.	Assam	133200	26640
4.	Bihar	1107700	221540

5. Goa	4500	900
6. Gujarat	221600	44320
7 Haryana	86300	17260
8. Himachal Pradesh	38100	7620
9. J & K	51100	10220
10. Karnataka	340200	68040
11. Kerala	224900	44980
12. Madhya Pradesh	599000	119800
13. Maharashtra	669800	133960
14. Manipur	16600	33200
15. Meghalaya	17900	3580
16. Mizoram	5000	1000
17. Nagaland	13000	2600
18. Orissa	324000	64800
19. Punjab	62300	12460
20. Rajasthan	237500	47500
21. Sikkim	4800	960
22. Tamil Nadu	430300	86060
23. Tripura	28700	5740
24. Uttar Pradesh	1255200	251040
25. West Bengal	478400	95680
26. A & N Islands	2800	560
27. Chandigarh	2200	440
28. D & N Haveli	1900	380
29. Daman & Diu	400	80
30. NCT Delhi	40200	8040
31. Lakshadweep	300	60
32. Pondicherry	7900	1580
TOTAL	6881000	1376200